

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	PHILLIPS	Examiner:	K.D. MULLEN
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Title:	METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR THE DETERMINATION OF BLOOD CHARACTERISTICS		

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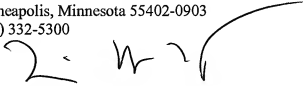
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 3-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the final Office Action mailed December 15, 2008, the period of response being extended from March 15, 2009 to June 15, 2009.

The amount of \$555.00 to cover the required extension fee for a small entity is being authorized to a credit card account. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,
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